

INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE

Crop Weather

Crop Production

Agricultural Cash Rents

Available on internet at: www.nass.usda.gov/nm OR by e-mail: (call 1-800-530-8810 for information)

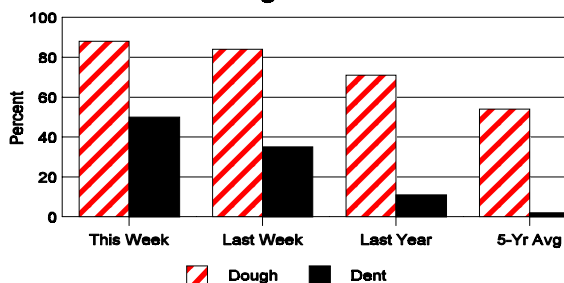
CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 13, 2000

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.8 days suitable for field work. Farmers were active last week harvesting onions, chile, alfalfa, and corn for silage. The total sorghum condition was down significantly from last week due the lack of rain in eastern dryland counties. Onions declined slightly from last week, in fair to excellent condition, with 92% of the crop harvested. Corn was in fair to excellent condition, with 88% of the crop in the dough stage and 50% of it dented. The alfalfa condition was in mostly fair to excellent condition with the third cutting finished and the fourth cutting 80% complete. The cotton crop also slightly declined from last week, reported in mostly fair to excellent condition, with bolls opening at 4%. Chile was in mostly fair to excellent condition with little change from last week. Some ranchers are still using supplemental feeds, and others have started again due to the lack of rainfall. Cattle and sheep conditions varied only slightly from last week. The pasture and range feed conditions were 11% very poor, 39% poor, 32% fair, and 18% good.

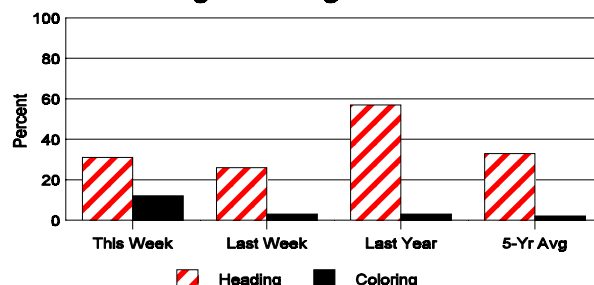
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CORN	Dough	88	84	71	54
	Dent	50	35	11	2
LETTUCE	Planted	70	50	24	57
SORGHUM (Total)	Heading	31	26	57	33
	Coloring	12	3	3	2
ONIONS	Harvested	92	91	86	90

Corn Progress



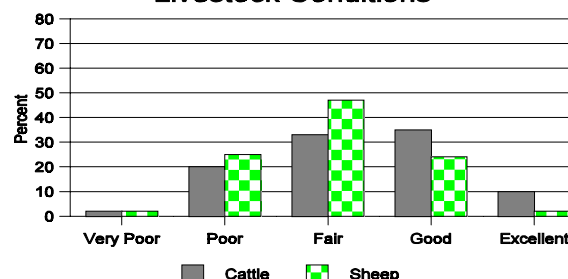
Sorghum Progress



CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

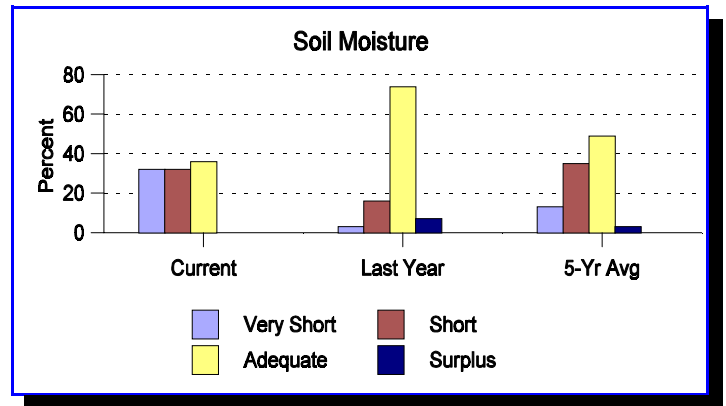
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	2	18	22	42	16
Apples	--	10	70	20	--
Chile	--	4	33	35	28
Corn	--	--	25	65	10
Cotton	--	2	39	54	5
Onions	--	--	46	30	24
Peanuts	--	--	35	65	--
Pecans	--	--	30	50	20
Sorghum(Total)	20	23	25	30	2
Cattle	2	20	33	35	10
Sheep	2	25	47	24	2

Livestock Conditions



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	--	92	8	---
Northeast	41	23	36	---
Southwest	5	45	50	---
Southeast	37	27	36	---
State	32	32	36	---
State-Last Year	3	16	74	7
State-5-Yr Avg.	13	35	49	3



WEATHER SUMMARY

Scattered thunderstorms provided some measurable rainfall at over three quarters of the reporting stations, although Ruidoso (1.27") and Carrizozo (1.06") were the only spots to collect over an inch. Temperatures were above normal. Carlsbad, Hobbs and Tucumcari all reached 100 degrees at some point during the week.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS AUGUST 7-13, 2000

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	08/07 08/13	08/01 08/13	Normal Aug	01/01 08/13	Normal Jan-Aug
Carlsbad	84.6	101	69	0.01	0.01	2.25	4.42	7.99
Hobbs	82.5	100	64	0.00	0.00	2.71	10.04	11.36
Roswell	82.1	99	66	0.07	0.14	2.58	4.28	8.54
Clayton	77.2	96	59	0.29	0.36	2.61	8.36	11.61
Clovis	80.4	97	64	0.08	0.08	3.17	8.31	12.74
Roy	---	---	---	0.00	0.00	2.81	8.01	11.84
Tucumcari	82.9	101	65	0.05	0.05	2.41	8.77	10.98
Chama	66.6	88	47	0.00	0.15	2.82	10.68	13.90
Johnson Ranch	70.6	93	49	0.14	0.31	2.29	6.75	7.72
Capulin	69.7	88	47	0.26	0.26	2.56	9.19	13.08
Las Vegas	71.1	89	53	T	0.18	3.71	6.75	12.78
Los Alamos	68.6	84	52	0.30	0.36	3.52	5.75	13.18
Raton	69.4	90	46	0.02	0.02	3.21	6.53	13.03
Santa Fe	71.6	92	51	0.17	0.20	2.39	4.36	10.03
Red River	59.3	80	39	0.22	1.31	3.10	13.81	15.03
Farmington	79.6	99	61	0.04	0.04	1.05	4.12	5.36
Gallup	73.7	95	54	0.26	0.39	2.26	3.94	8.36
Grants	69.8	92	50	0.03	0.11	2.16	3.57	6.95
Silver City	72.0	91	58	0.87	1.07	3.09	7.66	10.64
Quemado	67.6	89	45	0.22	0.34	2.55	4.70	7.58
Albuquerque	78.6	93	61	0.05	0.05	1.64	3.54	6.06
Carrizozo	73.6	94	57	1.06	1.06	2.69	5.74	8.24
Gran Quivera	69.7	87	53	0.92	1.50	3.27	10.87	10.79
Moriarty	71.0	95	48	0.58	0.58	2.69	5.63	9.06
Ruidoso	64.1	85	47	1.27	1.31	4.04	11.35	15.03
Socorro	75.4	94	57	0.04	0.33	1.90	4.42	5.84
Alamogordo	79.4	97	63	T	0.00	2.41	3.91	7.92
Animas	78.7	96	61	0.87	0.87	2.34	5.29	7.08
Deming	79.9	97	64	0.00	0.02	2.05	3.62	6.48
T or C	78.8	95	65	0.02	0.22	2.15	6.35	6.59
Las Cruces	80.9	98	64	0.12	0.12	2.29	6.82	5.92

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction

All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

CROP PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Sorghum for grain harvested acreage is estimated at 140,000 acres, 5,000 more than last year. Yield is anticipated to reach only 40.0 bushels per acre due to the drought conditions in the major growing area of the State. If realized, this would be 15 bushels less than in 1999. Production is estimated at 5.6 million bushels, 25 percent below last year. Corn for grain harvested acreage is estimated at 75,000 acres, 8,000 below last year. Yield, at 180.0 bushels per acre is unchanged from last year. Production calculates to 13.5 million bushels. Growers expect to harvest 22,000 acres of peanuts in 2000, unchanged from 1999. Yield is forecast at 2,700 pounds for a total production of 59.4 million pounds, 3.4 percent below last year. Upland cotton producers expect to harvest 120,000 bales from 85,000 acres. American-Pima production is forecast at only 8,500 bales from 6,000 acres. Alfalfa acreage is forecast at 290,000 acres and yield is forecast at 5.30 tons per acre for total production of 1.54 million tons, 1.9 percent higher than in 1999.

UNITED STATES: Corn production is forecast at a record 10.4 billion bushels, up 10 percent from last year and up 6 percent from 1998. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 141.9 bushels per acre, up 8.1 bushels from last year. If realized this would be the largest production and highest yield on record since 1866 when corn estimates began. All Cotton production is forecast at 19.2 million 480-pound bales, up 13 percent from 1999. The yield is expected to average 648 pounds per harvested acre, up 41 pounds from last year. Alfalfa production is forecast at 78.8 million tons, 6 percent below 1999. Yields are expected to average 3.32 tons per acre. Harvested area is 23.8 million acres, down less than 1 percent from 1999. The first production forecast for sorghum for the 2000 crop year is 578 million bushels, down 3 percent from 1999. Based on August 1 conditions, the sorghum yield is forecast at 69.5 bushels per acre, down 0.2 bushels from 1999. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain in the U.S. in 2000, at 8.32 million acres, is 3 percent lower than the 1999 harvested grain acreage. Other Hay production is forecast at 74.5 million tons, less than 1 percent below last year's record production. Yields are expected to average 1.94 tons per acre, slightly above last year's yield. Harvested area is estimated at 38.4 million acres, down 2 percent from the 39.2 million acres harvested in 1999. This year's acreage will be the second highest since 1962. Peanut production is forecast at 3.79 billion pounds, down 1 percent from last year's crop, and 4 percent below 1998. Area for harvest is expected to total 1.47 million acres, virtually unchanged from the June "Acreage" report, but up 2 percent from 1999. Yields are expected to average 2,587 pounds, 80 pounds below last year and down 115 pounds from 1998.

August 1999 Crop Summary: New Mexico and United States 1999 and Forecasted August 1, 2000

August 1999 Crop Summary: New Mexico and United States 1999 and Forecast August 1, 2000							
Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
		1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
		-----1,000 Acres-----		-----Units-----		-----1,000 Units-----	
NEW MEXICO							
Corn for Grain	Bu	83	75	180.0	180.0	14,940	13,500
All Cotton	Lb	86.0	91.0	668	678	119.7	128.5
Upland Cotton ^{1/}	Lb	79.0	85.0	662	678	109.0	120.0
A-P Cotton ^{1/}	Lb	7.0	6.0	734	680	10.7	8.5
Peanuts	Lb	22.0	22.0	2,800	2,700	61,600	59,400
Sorghum for Grain	Bu	135	140	55.0	40.0	7,425	5,600
Hay, Alfalfa	Ton	290	290	5.20	5.30	1,508	1,537
Dry Edible Beans	Lb	1.0	2/	1,800	2/	18	2/
UNITED STATES							
Corn for Grain	Bu	70,537	73,059	133.8	141.9	9,437,337	10,369,369
All Cotton	Lb	13,424.9	14,188.0	607	648	16,968.0	19,159.1
Upland Cotton ^{1/}	Lb	13,138.0	14,007.0	595	642	16,293.7	18,740.0
A-P Cotton ^{1/}	Lb	286.9	181.0	1,128	1,111	674.3	419.1
Peanuts	Lb	1,436.0	1,465.5	2,667	2,587	3,829,490	3,791,500
Sorghum for Grain	Bu	8,544	8,315	69.7	69.5	595,166	577,831
Hay, Alfalfa	Ton	23,985	23,767	3.50	3.32	83,924	78,796
Dry Edible Beans	Lb	1,877.0	1,580.6	1,770	1,630	33,230	25,764

^{1/}Yield reported in pounds per acre: production in bales (480 lb net wt). ^{2/}Estimates discontinued in 2000.

AGRICULTURAL CASH RENTS

Cropland Cash Rents Higher, Pasture Rents Drop: The U.S. cropland cash rent in 2000 was up \$2.50 from last year at \$70.00 per acre. The Lake, Corn Belt, and Northern Plains, which account for the majority of cash rented cropland acreage, increased slightly from 1999. The Lake region was up \$3.00 per acre while the Corn Belt increased by \$2.00 and the Northern Plains was up \$1.00. The Pacific region with its diverse agriculture had the largest increase of \$14.00 per acre.

Pasture cash rents dropped from \$8.90 to \$ 8.50 per acre primarily due to drought conditions experienced across the Southwest. Regions most affected by the dry spell were the Southern Plains and Pacific each dropping \$1.00 per acre while the Mountain region dropped \$0.30. Pasture rents in the Corn Belt, Delta, and Northeast also declined from the previous year. The Southeast and Appalachian regions increased to \$17.20 and \$18.00.

All Cropland and Pasture Rented for Cash: Average Cash Rent per Acre, by State 1998-2000

Region/ State	All Cropland			Pasture		
	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000
	-----Dollars-----					
Northeast	40.00	40.00	40.00	31.00	27.00*	24.00
Lake States	69.50	69.00	72.00	25.30	27.60	28.00
Corn Belt	100.00	101.00	103.00	25.30	25.00	24.50
Northern Plains	44.50	44.50	45.50	10.50	10.80	11.20
Appalachian	46.00	48.00	50.00	17.50	17.20	18.00
Southeast	41.00	39.50	42.00	15.90	16.00	17.20
Delta States	57.00	59.20*	62.00	15.00	13.90	13.80
Southern Plains	25.50	25.00	27.00	6.90	7.30	6.30
Mountain	60.00	63.00*	59.00	4.00	4.10*	3.80
Arizona	134.00	140.00*	135.00	---	---	---
Colorado	56.30	58.00*	55.00	5.00	4.80	5.20
Idaho	90.00	94.00	98.00	---	---	---
Montana	21.60	25.00*	23.80	4.50	5.10*	4.80
New Mexico	1/	1/	1/	1.50	1.70	2.00
Utah	60.00	57.00*	51.00	11.00	12.00	11.00
Pacific	166.00	176.00	190.00	13.00	12.00	11.00
48 States	66.50	67.50	70.00	8.80	8.90	8.50

*Revised. 1/Insufficient Data.